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SUBJECT: Clandestine Czech newspaper

TO: Heidelberg "Project"
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1. We are informed by Czech emigre circles that a clandestine newspaper in Czech, bearing the name "Svobodny Titrok" is being published in Paris by an emigre group generally loyal to the principles of the Masaryk family. The paper's name is the same as that of an independent, Czech, nationalist, anti-Communist daily published in Prague before the Communist coup d'etat.

2. We are considering granting financial assistance to the publishers of this newspaper, and are in a position to exercise considerable control over its editorial policy from here.

3. I am writing to advise you of the existence of this publication, in case you have not already become aware of it, with the idea that you should keep it in mind in planning your Czech operations. If our negotiations with this group progress favorably, it may be possible to organize a project, based on their paper, along the same lines as those of project EASTROUN. It would seem that an offset pony edition would be feasible providing the group had enough money to publish it.

4. This paper already has published six issues. It is a six page tabloid, does not list the editor, publisher, place or date of publication. It contains articles by Czechs and Slovaks alike, the general tenor being the defeat of Communism and the restoration of Democracy in Czechoslovakia. We are informed that the publishers would consider changing the place of publication providing that appeared desirable for more effective operations. It is possible that arrangements might be made for you to put it out in your own plant some time in the future.

5. Please let me have your own comments and □'s on the basis of the foregoing, rather sketchy information. Any connection of ours with this project will be entirely exploratory for the time being.

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